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**FOUR BOWLING GREEN MEN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY
TO COMMIT BANK FRAUD**

BOWLING GREEN, KY - Anthony Willis Simmons, age 30; James Lee Cooper, age 32; Jesse DeWayne Howard, age 43; and Tekulve Walker, age 27, all of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, were sentenced in United States District Court for participating in a conspiracy to make and utter counterfeit and forged payroll and personal checks, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, sentenced Simmons to 3 years 10 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release following incarceration; Cooper to 1 year 9 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release following incarceration; Howard to 9 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release following incarceration; and Walker to 6 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. The defendants all pled guilty on June 28, 2007.

Co-defendant Kenneth Moore plead guilty to the same charges on June 28, 2007, and was sentenced on September 13, 2007 to one year and three months imprisonment. Co-defendants Charles Wayne Bishop, Jr., age 44, and Alisa Kendra Beck, age 32, both of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, pled guilty on September 13, 2007 and are scheduled to be sentenced on December 6, 2007.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ann Claire Phillips, and it

was investigated by the United States Secret Service and Bowling Green Police Department.

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